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SWITCHED RING AND NODE APPARATUS USED IN THE RING**

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**RESPONSE**

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the first Office Action dated January 21, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

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